

TAFT MEN LINE UP TO BEAT MERRITT FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Old Guard Leaders Answer a
Hurry Call for a Con-
ference Here.

THEIR PLANS SPOILED.
Federal Office Holders in Kings
and Erie Counties Boom
Assemblyman Sullivan.

Hurry calls to the old guard lead-
ers through the State caused many of
them to assemble to-day at the Murray
Hill Hotel. There, for the first time,
some of them learned that President
Taft's Federal forces have not been
sloping.

The accounts of the Old Guard, which
is composed of the holders of State jobs,
gave their ears to the ground a few days
ago. To their sorrow they heard the
rumblings of disunion. They found
that just as they thought they had the
election of Assemblyman Edwin A. Mer-
ritt Jr. of Putnam for Speaker of the
Assembly all sewed up with not a
chance of a stitch breaking, the Federal
forces had undone everything. They
also learned that the movement of the
Federal forces in Brooklyn to put an
opposition candidate in the field against
Merritt was bearing fruit and that As-
semblymen from other Federal strong-
holds were ready to join.

SOME OF THOSE WHO ANSWERED
THE HURRY CALL.

Among those at the Murray Hill with
troubled countenances were State Chair-
man William Barnes Jr., Assemblyman
Edwin A. Merritt, the Old Guard's can-
didate for Speaker; Ray Smith, former
Chief of the Assembly, who undoubtedly
will be re-elected; if the Merritt
forces win, Assemblyman James Parker
of Washington County, who may be
found with the Federal forces if the
political screws are put on by the boss
of his district; Assemblyman Fred
Hammond of Syracuse, and many others
whose names appear in the Legislative
manual as drawing pay from the State.
"It appears," said one of the Old
Guard leaders, "that the Federal crowd
refuse to believe that we are on the
level. They refuse to believe Mr.
Barnes's statement that he did not au-
thorize an interview, saying he was
suspicious. As we understand it, the
Federalists believe that by putting out
news from Washington they can force
suspicious Assemblymen who are backed
by men holding Federal jobs to vote
for any candidate the Taft men may
decide upon. They're a fine bunch to
be suspecting us! Why, if it wasn't
for the fact that they are afraid of
losing their political scalps they would
be out for Roosevelt now instead of
choosing for Taft."

SMITH HOME FROM A TRIP UP
STATE.

Former Clerk Smith arrived in New
York from a hurried trip to the western
part of the State. Things weren't in
any too hopeful condition for the Old
Guard out in Erie, which will have five
Republican votes this winter. That
county, like New York and Brooklyn,
is honeycombed with Federal job
holders.

Some of the Federal leaders were try-
ing to convince the Old Guard that all
was harmony and that as a result of
Mr. Taft's talk with Mr. Barnes yester-
day there would be no fight. But the
Old Guard leaders refused to be fooled
by any of this peace talk. They are
standing fences and counting noses so
that they will know just where they
stand in case the Federal forces decide
to fight them in the open.

In some quarters there is a suspicion
that the Taft leaders are merely blun-
ding in an effort to show the Old Guard
that the Federalists really can do some
damage if it comes to a show down.
None of the leaders cared to talk for
publication about the situation in the
State.

"Just say that I am in New York
doing some Christmas shopping," said
Ray Smith, then, hurriedly correcting
himself, he said:

"No. You had better not say that.
Some people with evil minds might think
that I was down here buying votes."
The Taft forces, it is understood, in-
tend to line up behind Assemblyman
John L. Sullivan of Chautauque County.
"He's got a fighting name, anyway,"
said one of them.

NIGHT CAUSE A BREAK IN THE
TAFT FORCES.

And the very fact of lining up behind
Sullivan, it is feared, may cause a break
in the Federal forces. For instance,
Erie County, it is suspected, will not
play unless Assemblyman Clarence
MacGregor is named as the candidate
for Speaker. There is a strong belief
outside of Erie, too, that Mr. MacGregor
is far more entitled to the Speakership
than is Sullivan. MacGregor, it is said,
has been foremost in many of the polit-
ical battles on the floor of the House,
while Sullivan has been a comparatively
inactive member.

Patrick of Washington has ambitions
of his own to be speaker. For a time
he was willing to go in and contest
with Merritt as the candidate of the
Old Guard.

When State Chairman Barnes got
back to the room at the Republican
State Committee on Thirty-ninth street
he found Congressman Mark A. Luther
waiting for him. If Mr. Barnes wanted
to hear tales of the weakness of Mr.
Taft in his own State Mr. Luther must
have simply delighted him.

Mr. Luther comes from Jefferson
County, where there is a lot of kicking
among the paper manufacturers.

John P. Alida, who was expelled
from the Senate during the famous
Alida-Conger scandal, was also a caller
at Republican headquarters.

Col. Roosevelt was at the Outlook office
most of the day, but he refused to offer
any comment on the political situation.

GOVERNOR TRIES FEW DAYS IN JAIL FOR EXPERIENCE

Tennessee Executive Takes
Odd Method to Find Sub-
jects for Pardon.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Pearing,
it is said, that he would be subjected to
the same criticism that befell his Demo-
cratic predecessor, Malcolm R. Patterson,
that he was too free with Christmas
pardons. Gov. Ben W. Hooper, a Repu-
blican, left his office in the State
House yesterday and entered the
main State penitentiary. He will re-
main there for two days, will participate
in the prisoners' fare, sleep on a prison
bench, mingle with the convicts them-
selves and thoroughly acquaint himself,
he said, with every man of them, and if
he finds cases he believes worthy of
pardon, he will include them all in his
proclamation of clemency.

One of Gov. Hooper's platform prom-
ises was that he would not be so free
in issuing pardons as was Patterson,
who freed Duncan B. Cooper, convicted
of the murder of the late Senator Car-
mack.

In the absence of a parole system,
Hooper himself has issued more pardons
than his followers expected.

WALL STREET

A slow morning reaction in the stock
market to-day ended at mid-day, when
the Goulds lapsed back sharply. With
the list ranging about 1 point down, a
sudden selling demonstration against
Denver and Rio Grande, Texas Pacific
and Missouri Pacific broke these shares
on an average of two points.

With the beginning of the afternoon
period, trading underwent a decided
change. Lehigh Valley was the forer-
runner of an advance that ultimately
became general. Lehigh Valley, on a
list of buying orders attributed to
Philadelphia sources, mounted to
104½. Union Pacific rose to 104½ and
leading reached 104½. American To-
bacco preferred was another prominent
feature.

Late realising reduced prices some-
what from the highest range at closing
time, but net changes were mostly frac-
tional gains.

THE CLOSING PRICES.

Stocks	High	Low	Last	Net
Am. Can.	47½	47	47	+
Am. Oil	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Sugar	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Tobacco	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Union	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Wool	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Zinc	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Copper	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Lead	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Tin	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Silver	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Gold	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Platinum	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Iron	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Steel	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Coal	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Lumber	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Paper	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Textile	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Clothing	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Food	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Drugs	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Chemicals	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Machinery	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Electrical	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Transportation	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Public Utilities	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Insurance	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Banking	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Finance	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Real Estate	104	103½	103½	+
Am. Miscellaneous	104	103½	103½	+

ACTIVE SECURITIES.

United States Steel, 38,250 shares; Union
Pacific, 100,000 shares; Lehigh Valley, 10,000 shares;
Denver and Rio Grande, 10,000 shares;
Texas Pacific, 10,000 shares.

POLICEMEN CHASE THIEVES
INTO HARLEM HOSPITAL

Men Surprised by Woman in Flat
—School Children Join
in Pursuit.

Policemen Trommer was standing near
One Hundred and Twenty-third street
and Lenox avenue this afternoon when
he saw two men rush out of No. 100
Lenox avenue, followed by a screaming
woman. Trommer joined the chase. I
was neck and neck between him and the
woman to One Hundred and Thirty-
eighth street.

Policeman Mulligan was standing be-
tween One Hundred and Thirty-eighth
street and One Hundred and Thirty-
seventh street. When the men saw him
they turned into Harlem Hospital. The
street was filled with children on their
way to school and a hundred or more
had joined in the chase to the door of
the hospital. Trommer and Mulligan

followed the men up to the fifth floor
of the institution and entered them in
the men's dormitory.

The men were taken to the East One
Hundred and Twenty-sixth street sta-
tion. They gave their names as John
Russo and Peter Varrisco. When they
were searched a quantity of jewelry
was found. Mrs. Anna Paff, from
whose flat they had fled, identified the
greater portion of it as hers. She said
she had been out shopping and upon
her return found the pair.

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SKIRTS OF WOMAN ARRESTED AS THIEF LINED WITH MONEY

Police Also Find Valuable Jew-
elry in Handbag Sewed
Beneath Her Dress.

Charged with highway robbery Mrs.
Lena Stamon, 35 years old, of No. 10
East One Hundred and Second street,
the wife of a tailor whose shop is at
Eighty-third street and Columbus avenue,
was taken into the West One Hundred
and Twenty-fifth street police station
this afternoon. When searched by the
matron, there was discovered a bundle
of money and a collection of jewelry
that amazed the police. Mrs. Stamon
had been arrested at One Hundred and
Second street and Park avenue on a
charge made by Rebecca Borchert of
No. 60 East One Hundredth street.
Mrs. Borchert declared that while she
was looking over some articles on a
pushcart near the corner Mrs. Stamon
approached her, grabbed her pocket-
book from her hand and then tried to
extract the \$2 bill it contained. Mrs.
Borchert caught the other woman by
the hair and was dragging her along
the street when Patrolman Leroccker
made the arrest.

Taken to the police station Mrs. Sta-
mon became very nervous and asked if
she might not be allowed to go home
before going to court, so that she might
change her clothes. The lieutenant at
the desk demurred and thought it would
be well to have the prisoner searched.
She was taken to the matron's room,
and when the search was through these
things were revealed:

Fourteen hundred and eighty-one
dollars in bills ranging from \$1 bills to
a \$500 bill, a gold cigar cutter with the
initials H. K. engraved on it, three
gold watches, one gold bracelet, one
gold locket and chain, ten diamond
rings, all of them with small stones,
four wedding rings, two pair of dia-
mond earrings and a watch key.

The money had been sewed into the
woman's skirt. The jewelry was found
in a bag that was suspended under the
skirt—much the same kind of a bag, the
detectives said, that shoplifters carry.

While Mrs. Stamon was still in the
station house Mrs. Lena Grogan of
No. 71 East One Hundred and First
street entered. She had heard of the
arrest and said while she was in a
store at Park avenue a man, One Hun-
dred and First street, earlier in the
afternoon, her pocketbook had been
looted of a \$5 bill it contained. She
identified the prisoner as the woman
who was standing by her when she
was making some purchases and when
she lost her money.

Mrs. Stamon was taken to the Harlem
Police Court to be arraigned before
Magistrate Corcoran. She had hardly
reached the court room when former
Magistrate William H. Sweetser ar-
rived. Mr. Sweetser said that he knew
Mrs. Stamon well and had been retained
to defend her. He declared that she
was highly respectable and that she
carried her money around with her
because she was afraid to deposit it in
banks. Fearing that she might be
robbed of her jewelry, she also took it
with her wherever she went.

When Mrs. Stamon was brought be-
fore the Magistrate the two women ac-
cusing her made complaints, and she
was held in \$1,000 bail in each case.

LAWYERS AID THE POOR.

Committee Raising \$200,000 to Be
Distributed Among Forty-six
Hospitals.

The lawyers' committee of the Law-
yers' Auxiliary, connected with the Hospi-
tal Saturday and Sunday Association,
is making a tremendous effort this year
to raise the sum of \$200,000 to be dis-
tributed among the forty-six hospitals
which care for the city's sick poor.

William R. Hornblower, who is chair-
man of the committee, and his associ-
ates, who are William D. Gilman, Ad-
rian H. Joline, Victor Marovitz and
George W. Van Slyke, have sent each
member of the bar a letter requesting
that all contribute \$10 to the subscrip-
tion.

Last year \$100,000 was raised, with John
D. Stetson heading the list with a check
for \$100. Not as many lawyers con-
tributed then, and for the reason that
all were not notified of the subscrip-
tion. This year no one has been overlooked.

All the members are working indefatigably
to raise the sum and success is
pretty nearly assured, thanks to the
efforts of Mr. Hornblower. Much of the
money has been obtained from the
bankers and brokers who last year, as
well as now, came to the front with
great generosity.

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AUSTRIAN RULER IS NEAR DEATH, VIENNA HEARS

But Official Report Says Em-
peror Francis Joseph Is in
No Immediate Danger.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—Vienna is greatly
stirred to-day by reports that the Em-
peror Franz Josef is in a critical con-
dition and cannot live but a few hours.
All the afternoon papers published pes-
simistic reports concerning the Em-
peror's condition and the papers were
seized by the police and burned.

Officially it is announced at the pal-
ace that the aged ruler is much im-
proved, but it is people do not accept
this as authentic.

HAD MONEY FOR FINE,
BUT NOT FOR CHILDREN.

Father, With Roll of Bills, Re-
fused to Clothe Little
Ones.

Rocco Sangiacoma, a contractor of
No. 32 Malta street, East New York,
and the father of ten children ranging
in years from fourteen downward to a
few months, was arraigned before
Magistrate Nash in the New Jersey
Avenue Court to-day charged with not
sending his children to school and im-
properly clothing them. The man pro-
tested that he did not have the means
to provide for them properly, but after
listening to Truant Officer Julius Hol-
chuer's story Magistrate Nash held
Sangiacoma under \$100 bond for General
Sessions. The man, who a moment be-
fore had said he did not have enough
money to properly clothe his children,
reached into his pocket and brought out
a roll of bills and tendered the clerk
the necessary \$100 for a bond.

The truant officer testified that the
ten children were kept in a terrible
condition and that they were far be-
hind in schooling. He said Sangiacoma
owned his own home and ten horses
and had contracts to excavate twenty
cellars.

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SAVAGE DOG BITES SIX PERSONS AND FALLS BEFORE CLUB

Animal Breaks Away From the
Owner, Attacking All Who
Crossed Its Path.

George Dunn of No. 274 Eckford street,
Greenpoint, took his brindle bulldog out
for a walk to-day. The dog had not
been feeling well and was in need of
exercise.

Recurrent of the restraint of the leash,
the dog broke away from Dunn and
preceded to exercise himself according
to his own will. In the pursuit of his
carnal idea, he bit six persons before
he was knocked out by a blow from a
policeman's club.

In Leonard street, near Calver street,
the dog bit thirteen-year-old Grover
Bennett in the left leg. Dunn tried to

wrap his coat around the animal's head
and was bitten on the right arm. Then
the dog ran, yelping and snapping, up
Leonard street in the direction of Green-
point avenue, a crowded thoroughfare.

Edward Kenny, an electrician, of No.
59 Milton street, and Frank O'Neill, of
No. 24 North Henry street, were leav-
ing the clubhouse of the Knights of St.
Anthony at No. 721 Leonard street,
when the dog happened along. Kenny
was bitten on the right leg. O'Neill
caught hold of the dog and was bitten
on the right wrist.

Sergeant Hugh Meehan and Policeman
Frederick Graham of the Greenpoint
avenue station were the next to en-
counter the dog. Both were slightly
bitten before they landed a blow across
the vicious brute's head.

Rev. Francis Dillon, acting pastor of
St. Anthony's Church, summoned Dr.
A. T. Galbreath of No. 144 Madison street,
who cauterized the wounds of all who
were bitten. The dog was taken to the
station house and will be turned over
to the S. P. C. A. for observation.
Dunn says the animal is not suffering
from rabies, but went crazy because
he had not been out of the house for
several days.

PREMIER OF CHINA REFUSES
DEMAND FOR A REPUBLIC.

PEKING, China, Dec. 21.—Premier
Yuan Shih-Kai, in an official statement,
to-day said that he without any